

Managing Visitor Use: Alternatives for Off Road Vehicle Management in Coastal Natural Areas

Wednesday, August 30, 2006 8:00am – 4:00pm CDT

Thursday, August 31, 2006 8:00am – 4:30pm CDT

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund, in collaboration with the NOAA's Coastal Services Center, developers of the Project Design and Evaluation Training

*The Barker Center
444 Barker Road
Michigan City, IN 46360*

As more people choose to live, work, and play along our nation's coasts, waterways and natural areas, resource management professionals are challenged with balancing the changing demands of the public with the management of resources under their care. This workshop provides an overview of the human dimensions of protected area management, focuses on off road vehicle (ORV) use and associated impacts to natural resources and visitor experiences, and demonstrates applications to help managers address the people side of resource management.

ORVs cause significant damage to natural areas in the Lake Michigan Coastal area. Uncontrolled access to public and private lands is increasing and many land managers are experiencing natural area degradation from inappropriate ORV use. As more and more land is protected and restored, impacts from continued ORV use threatens to undermine existing efforts. The purpose of this workshop is to provide tools to assist managers in exploring alternatives that will seek to ensure a positive visitor experience while protecting natural resources.

In addition to training sessions, presentations by regional land managers will include:

"Introductory Background of ORV and Natural Areas Issue"

John Bacone, Division Director, Indiana Department of Natural Resources

"Management and Prevention of ORV Impact"

Dale Engquist and staff, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

Carl Fisher, Superintendent, Portage Parks Department

"Laws Pertaining to ORV Use"

Officer Gene Davis, DNR Law Enforcement

"Creative Alternatives"

Mark Price, President, Illiana Hummer Club

*This workshop is **free**. Bring a lunch or money to order sandwiches/pizza. The workshop begins Wednesday, August 30, 2006 at 8:00am CDT at the Barker Center. Space is limited to 40 participants, so register early. A more detailed agenda and driving directions will be sent with registration confirmation.*

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Registration Form

Registration deadline: August 9, 2006

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

Do you have special dietary needs? **No** **Yes** _____

Would you like a list of local overnight accommodations? **No** **Yes**

Briefly describe the top six visitor use issues relating to off road vehicle use of concern to you. (For example, trail erosion, conflicts between user groups, degradation of vegetation, etc.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Please mail or fax this registration form by **August 9, 2006** to:

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